In tendering to-day to the members of the theatrical profession the compliments of the season, we wish to add as a prediction that business will be better during the next and fast approaching year. We believe this on the principle that it cannot be much worse than it has been.

Maurice Donnay's "Le Rétour de Jerusalem" is drawing big audiences at the Gymnase, Paris. Its appeal is to the basest of race prejudices, and its success at the very time when the Dreyfus case is being reconsidered is significant of the intense public feeling in regard to that unlucky man. Whether he is cleared or not, the populace will swear that he was guilty because he was. And the playwright has worked this antipathy so eleverly into the pattern of his play that its every performance is a scene of tumult. The same was the case when Octave Mirbeau's "Business Is Business" was played at the Française.

In Germany party feeling usually runs high when the army is attacked, for attacks levelled at the sacred person of the Emperor never see the footlights, though they may reep into view, once only, on the pages of a newspaper. Lêse-majesté is the threat which clubs into subjection impertinent authors, artists and playwrights who dare to think aloud. Only recently a novel was suppressed because it dealt with a too free hand with the subject of military brutalities.

Yet a new play, called "Zapfenstreich"—
"The Tattoo"— has had much success, while it really contains covert criticism of the army. Its author is Herr Beyerlein, who is also the writer of a military romance entitled "Jena or Sedan?" Beyerlein, who is quite young, is immature as an artist. Briefly, the story of "The Tattoo" is ef-fective. It occurs in the barracks of a Briefly, the story of the latton of fective. It occurs in the barracks of a provincial Alsatian town, not far from the frontier. A sergeant's daughter, Klärchen, is discovered late one night in the room of von Lawfen, a Lieutenant, by her sweetheart, Helbig, who is only a sub-sergeant. He is not betrothed to the girl, but she has given him a half promise. Helbig strikes his superior officer, with the result that he is court-martialed. The trial scene is engrossing in interest. trial scene is engrossing in interest.

The girl's name, by common accord, has been kept out of the affair and the Judge at his wits' end when Klärchen appears and asks that her testimony be accepted. She confesses everything, thinking thus to save the accused from dire punishment. But she only complicates matters. Her father, the sergeant, challenges his daughter's seducer, forgetting in his just wrath that he is an inferior officer. Lauffen wrath that he is an inferior officer. Lauffer cannot fight with him, for military laws forbid; but he offers his life as a recompense—his one act throughout which is not vile—and again the girl intervenes. She declares that she alone is to blame, that she began the affair. And then her father, in his fury, shoots her dead. It seems to be the true outcome of such a sordid entanglement.

Lauffen has been accepted by Germans as the typical lieutenant—which is rather pitiful. This Lauffen when asked by the pierui. This Lauffen when asked by the regiment to resign and marry his victim, replies that he has no objection to her; it is her vulgar family that he cannot endure. The sub-acid irony of the piece has endeared it in Germany, especially to the social democrats, who joyfully hall any depreciation of the army.

It appears to us that Erich Hartleben's Rosenmontag," despite its sentimentality, botter wit than Beyerlein's melodramatic picture. Mr. George Alexander will play the unhappy hero in the Hartleben play in London—a part which would suit Richard Mansfield. The Conried company presented the drama several seasons ago. It is still a favorite in Berlin, the Emperor having honored it with his imperial and utable approval.

John Oliver Hobbes laments the disapplays. He was absurd perhaps, viewed with the cynical eyes of our own day, yet he was a joy, a comfort, even a delight to romantic women—and others, Mrs. Hobbes-Craigie believes that the thrilling speech of yester-year, "Better death than dishonor!" would be laughed now out of the theatre. Worst of all, the leading man the theatre. Worst of all, the leading man to-day, still tries to look like a jeune premier. And, asks the critic, in the London Academy, "can one talk like a domesticated poodle and pass for Prometheus?"

James K. Hackett will produce the new Broadhurst play, "The Crown Prince," in Springfield this evening.

It is safe to wager that David Belasco will give the world a religious play some day. He saw "Parsifal" rehearsed and was impressed by its potentialities.

What we wonder at is only why composers have failed to seize the operatic quality of Maeterlinck's "Monna Vanna" and build a score about it. The play lends itself readily to music, for it is all color, while the action moves sluggishly, giving plenty of opportunity for musical embellishment.

Here is a magnificent cast suggested by a busybody, for Monna Vanna: Edna Wallace Hopper, Vanna; Willis Sweatnam, Guido; Franz Ebert, the venerable Colonna; . Oscar Hammerstein; Prinzevalti Jeff. de Angelis.

August Strindberg's historical drama "Gustav Adolf" has been produced at the Berliner Theater, Berlin.

Ellis Jeffries is finally divorced from her husband, the Hon. Frederick Graham

Alexander Bisson does not seem to have

scored his usual success in his new comedy, "Les Apaches," at the Palais Royal, Paris. "Mate nité," by M. Brieux, at the Théâtre Antoine, is more of a problem discussed

than a play. The author practically declares that, while it is all well enough to advocate large families in France, maternity does not always command respect. "Maernity disgraces the poor girl who has been seduced and, consequently, cannot obtain work; the workman encumbered with honestly begotten children cannot look for assistance from the State. In a word, maternity, except with the com-fortable classes, not only leads to misery, but to disgrace." M. Brieux furthermore declares that "it is only when our social system, with its prejudices and hypocrisies, will be reformed that maternity will cease to be looked upon as a criminal offence." The last scene of the play represents the Assize Court. A wretched creature, who has killed many infants for their still more wretched mothers, is being tried. Four wretched mothers, is being tried. Four of the mothers are accused as her accomplices. A critic points out that it is in reality society that is arraigned by the playwright. The entire drama is too repairs to the control of the cont playwright. The entire drama is too re-pugant for any but a special stage, de-

e its scathing truths. "Buster Brown" is to see the footlights for the first time this evening at Albany. Now, just imagine the joy of the Christ-mas gorged Albany children—Turkey and Buster all in one day

Felicia Jiminez, Actress, to Marry. Felicia Jiminez, who is Celestine in "The ffice Boy," told her friends that she is soon to marry Leslie Munks of Middle-bwn, N. Y. Miss Jiminez is a niece of the well known Colombian General of that "FOR PEACE AND WEALTH"-HAY. TAPT'S STIRRING PAREWELL. His Contribution to a Symposium of Christ mas Wishes.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Lokalanseiger, in
its Christmas edition to-day, publishes the answers it received from numerous eminen men whom it asked to express their hopes for the future. Following are extracts from some of the replies:

From John Hay, United States Secretary of State-Our ardent desire for ourselves as well as for all other nations, is peace and wealth.

From Sir William Ramsay, the well known British scientist-I am convinced that science will advance in geometrical progression and even more rapidly, but whether the study of science makes the world better is open to doubt. That may be the ultimate result, but we are still a long way from it. The increase in comfort which science gives appears to result in the increase of the human race, and this results n an increase in the struggle for existence. "Science, after all, is merely accurate knowledge, and when that is attained peace

will follow as a matter of course. present tendency seems to be toward patriotism, not toward universal charity of From M. Waldeck-Rousseau, ex-Prime

Minister of France-"He who governs must have the courage and honesty to confess that every social progress which promises to last can only result from long exertions. Rulers ought to endeavor to assist to the utmost the continual working of time and not do violence to public spirit. From Prof. Martens of St. Petersburg, member of the Hague Arbitration Tribunal: "Armed peace and direct despotism are a mighty drag on the beneficial development of nations. Only the rule of

the ruin of nations by unlimited increase in military expenditure." From Gen. Booth, head of the Salvation Army: "My hope for the futureis strengthened by evidences in every land that the people are ready to embrace, and suffer for, religion of the heart. Formality of ecclesiasticism, however splendid and correct, cannot longer satisfy men's souls. The sincerest hope of William Marconi, the electrician, is that his wireless teleg-

justice can strengthen real peace and check

formidable, will promote peace. Joseph Joachim, the violinist, dealing with music, acknowledges sincere esteem for Berlioz and Liszt, but says he would never place them side by side with Wagner, who raised himself as high as the skies above all his contemporaries.

raphy, by making war riskier and more

Señor Salmeron, the Spanish Republican leader, wishes for a speedy revolution to clear away the present régime, which, he says, is an uninterrupted series of accidents, disorders, outrages and suppressions. The monarchy and Church are blameable for Spain's decline. They work together in sucking the people dry. It was to keep the throne above water that the war with the United States was begun.

PAPAL BAN ON LOISY'S BOOKS. Plus X. Takes the Action Which Leo XIII. Refused to Take.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN PARIS, Dec. 24.-Five of the best known orks of Abbe Loisy, the Roman Catholic Biblical critic, have been placed upon the Index Expurgatorius. Cardinal Richard has received the damnatory decree from the Vatican.

It was accompanied by a letter from Cardinal Merry del Val, Papal Secretary of State, stating that the Pope was profoundly grieved by the disastrous effects of the volumes, which bristle with the gravest errors. Two of the works are 'L'Evangile et l'Eglise" and "Etudes Evangeliques." Cardinal Richard communi-

red it with his imperial and approval.

The decree will cause a sensation among Catholics, and it is predicted that it will have vital consequences upon the future the jeune premier in modern the jeune premier in modern in the jeune premier in mode ing to recall that Pope Leo demn Abbé Loisy's works.

> TO DIVIDE HANKOW-CANTON LINE American and Belgian Interests Said to Be in Conflict.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 25 .- A despatch to the Times from Shanghai says that owing to the conflicting views of the American and Belgian interests connected with the Hankow-Canton Railway it has been decided to divide the railway into sections.

The Belgians will control the northern The Beigians will control the northern and the Americans the southern section.

The details are not disclosed. It is not known whether China will acquiesce in the arrange ment, which is opposed to the Washington contract. Washington contract of 1898

DEFEAT FOR THE MAD MULLAH. British Rout a Force of 2,000 Dervishes in Somaliland.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Dec. 24.-A despatch from Somaliland says that Major-Gen. Sir Charles Egerton, commander of the British forces, has had an engagement with the forces of the Mad Mullah and has routed 2,000 dervishes near Badwein. The dervishes lost 180 in killed and wounded.

News of Plays and Players.

A new Robert Emmet is to take the place of Brandon Tynan at the Fourteenth Street Theatre on Monday. He is Robert Conners. Theatre on Monday. He is Robert Conners. Henry W. Savage and his general stage director, George F. Marion, returned yesterday from a two weeks trip as far west as Kansas City. Mr. Savage said last night that he had noted encouraging signs of revived business conditions in the Middle West and he expected a renewal of theatrical prosperity with the new year. Personally, he had no cause to complain.

Lawrence D'Orsay and "The Earl of Pawtucket" were seen for the first time by audiences with British sympathies last week in Toronto and the impression made by the eccentricities of Lord Cardington was as favorable in Toronto as in New York.

by the eccentricities of Lord Cardington was as favorable in Toronto as in New York. The play is coming back here.

After the performance of "Mother Goose" at the New Amsterdam Theatre last night klaw & Erlanger entertained the seventy-two children who take part in the spectacle at a Christmas tree party. All the children recentred presents

received presents. William Faversham closes his season here

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William Faversham closes his season here at the Criterion to-morrow night in "Lord and Lady Algy." On Jan. 4 Charles Frohman will present him in Boston in the new play, "Richard Brinsley Sheridan."

The injuries received by Kyrle Bellew a few nights ago in his fall in the climax of "The Sacrament of Judas" are more serious than was at first supposed. The curtain raiser was cut out of both performances yesterday, but it will probably be added to the bill to-night.

In the production of Augustus Thomas's comedy, "The Other Girl," at the Criterion next Tuesday night, the players' names will be placed on the programme in the order in which they appear. This is done because all the players are of equal prominence.

Vaudeville Managers Confer.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.-All of the leading vaudeville managers of the country were in session at Shea's Empire Theatre here to-day. The principal purpose of the meeting was to put an end to the war between managers. Some of the men in attendance were Martin Beck of the Orpheum circuit, J. J. Murdock of Chicago, Davis of Pittsburg, Moore of Detroit, John Kreitner of Buffalo, B. F. Keith of New York and Shea of Cleveland.

PLAIN TALK TO FILIPINOS AND AMERICANS AT MANILA. Critics of the Administration Scored-Good Work of the Past Year Pointed Out

-Thousands Gather to Say Good-By to the Retiring Governor of the Islands. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MANILA, Dec. 24.-Ex-Gov. Taft sailed to-day on his return to the United States.

Prior to his departure he delivered two The first was made at the Union Reading College. In it he described the duties of the Americans in the Philippines, and explained the doctrine of the Philippines for the Filipinos. He scored that section of the American press which opposes the policy of McKinley and Roosevelt, and analyzed and ridiculed the half-heartedness of merchants and the press here toward the Administration. He urged active cooperation with the Government. Even

the opposing press unanimously applauds

his remarks and regrets the lateness of his

declarations. The second speech was delivered at a banquet of 400 Filipinos. He particularly addressed officeholders, the heads of the political parties and lawyers. He warned them to desist from speculating upon independent self-government until the schools were filled with children in every village and the masses were better educated. Meantime, he said, all forces were working to elevate the Filipinos. Rapid promo tions would be given and new offices would be bestowed when natives were capable of administering them.

The speakers who followed Mr. Taft were representatives of the chief provinces,

and they all indorsed his statements. Fifteen thousand soldiers, sailors, marines and constabulary, large provincial delegations of the political parties and labor unions escorted Mr. Taft, who drove with Gen. Wade, from the Palace to the Luneta. Twenty thousand persons lined the route. When the retiring Governor reached the Luneta he was joined by Gov. Wright and Admiral Stirling, and a review of the parade was held. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Taft planted two trees as souvenirs of their stay here. They then proceeded to the steamship Gaelic, accompanied by seventy-five launches. Two hours were spent in handshaking on board the steamer before she sailed.

Mr. Taft stated that the reluctance he first felt at leaving Manila had been modified by the surprising progress made this year in all branches of the government. The condition of the archipelago was now more favorable than at any other time in its history, despite the long continued pestilence and agricultural depression. He was able to say that the cholera, bubonic plague, rinderpest and ladronism were well controlled. Only a few favorable crops were needed to bring peace and extraordinary prosperity. The treatment of ladrones as criminals by the courts had been very successful, and the sentimental martyrdom arising from summary executions had been done away with.

The present income of the Government was running slightly behind, owing to the poverty of the provinces, which was largely due to locusts. The hemp production, however, has broken all records. A million bales were produced during the year. The sugar and tobacco crops increased over those of 1902, but low prices threaten to destroy these most important industries, while the increase in the import duties Japan, China and Java impairs valuable markets. Mr. Taft said he anticipated very heavy losses unless the United States aids by reducing the tariff to 25 per cent., which he will strongly urge when he reaches Washington. He will also urge that increased powers be given to the Philippine Commission so that it may issue municipal bonds. At present Congressional restrictions render such issue impracticable. Mr. Taft strongly favors legislation in favor of the coastwise shipping trade.

He declared that the Church situation has vastly improved with the purchase of the friars' lands and the introduction of American Bishops. The movement headed by "Bishop" Aglipay is not important, except in Negros, Panay, Ilocos Norte and among the Luzon Tagalogs. The currency question is gradually righting itself.

Mr. Taft believes that the present army force of 15,000 men is about the right minimum. The troops are in a good location to exercise strategic influence upon the Oriental situation. In conclusion, he said he hoped to revisit the Philippines in 1905. Universal regret is expressed at Mr. Taft's departure from the islands.

KAISER TO MISS SEEING BRYAN. His Christmas Engagements Will Interfere With the Reception.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, Dec. 24.-William Jennings Bryan arrived here from St. Petersburg this morning. He went to Copenhagen to-night and will return here on Saturday and take luncheon with Charlemagne Tower, the American Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Bryan says that it is doubtful if he will see Emperor William, owing to the latter's Christmas engagements. Mr. Bryan spoke enthusiastically of his meeting with Count Tolstoi. He spent a day at the author's country place.

THE FINLAND FLOATED. Red Star Liner Stuck on the Shore for Five Days.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN ANTWERP, Dec. 24.-The Red Star Line teamship Finland, from this port for New York, which went ashore near Flushing. Holland, last Saturday, was floated to-day. She is now at anchor near Flushing. The floating of the vessel caused great enthu-

Church Protest From South Africa. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 24.-Bishop Derrick of the American African Methodist Episcopal Church is now in London on a special mischurch is now in London on a special mission in regard to the work of his Church in South Africa. He says the British authorities are preventing the representatives of his Church from going to the Transvaal or Orange River Colony. Bishop Derrick will have an interview with the Duke of Marlborough, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, in regard to the matter on Monday.

PRESS FEEDERS QUIT.

Chicago's Union to Give Up Its Corporat Existence to Avoid Suits.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-In order to avoid further suits and judgments, the press feeders, organized under the corporate name of Franklin Union No. 4, to-day took steps to dissolve the corporate body, and enceforth will appear as a voluntary

association or union.

The press feeders have been organized under the laws of the State as a corporation for years, and the society has accumulated considerable money in its treasury, said to reach \$40,000. It was thus able to sue

HEARSES AGAIN IN OHICAGO. Livery Strikers Refrain From Violence

-Grand Jury Scores Them.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Livery hearses were driven to funerals to-day under police guard. Union pickets were ordered by their officers to remain away from ill funerals and to offer their services to such employers as started hearses. No attemp was made by the employers to resume regular carriage service. The strike, so far as the streets are concerned, is practically unchanged. Scathing criticisms of persons who have disturbed funeral processions in Chicago during the strike of the livery divers were made by the last Grand Jury of the year to-day in its final report to Judge Clifford The Grand Jury also criticised "irresponsible organizations" for causing disorder and defying the law. The reference is made to strikers and their sympathizers. The re-

port says: "We respectfully report that during the term of the December Grand Jury we have examined into 499 cases. We have found 403 true bills; we have found no bills in 80 cases; we have passed to the next Grand Jury 16 cases: total, 499. We also find that for several months irresponsible organizations have been creating disorder n this county, destroying property and de fying the law.

"It is also public report that at present in this city houses of worship and houses of mourning are made the scenes of disorder by men calling themselves union pickets, and that the bodies of the dead are desecrated. We believe that these conditions justify careful examination, and we respectfully suggest that the conditions we have recited be made a special subject of inquiry by the January Grand Jury.

MORE CAPMAKERS MAY REBEL General Rise Against Union Domination of

the Clothing Trade Seems Coming. More letters from out of town jobbers were received yesterday by the cap manufacturing firm of Mark Davis, Sons & Co sympathizing with their revolt against the domination of the Capmakers' Union when patience ceased to be a virtue. The trade organs of the clothing manufacturers also are applauding the firm's stand. Announcement has now been made to the clothing trade that the Glove Manufacturers' Association of Fulton county, which is the centre of the glove industry, will make no more agreements with the Glove Cutters' Union as an organization. Several hundred glovers up there are on strike in

consequence.

A letter received by Davis, Sons & Co. yesterday from a Baltimore jobber says:

"I admire your stand and will back you up in it to the best of my ability."

A Detroit firm wrote: "I am heartily n favor of the stand you have taken and hope your competitors will do likewise. I wish you much success."

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"We are heartily in accord with the position you have taken," said a Boston firm.

The Capmakers' Union decided yesterday to hire headquarters in Jersey City opposite the new Davis factory so that its agents may wait for the workers morning and evening and try to unionize them. They tried to intimidate the new workers in New York, but have failed. Mr. Davis said last evening:

"The fight for the open shop is bound to be general in our trade. We are getting a rougher deal than the rest will get, as we are the first to break the ice, that's all. I believe unions are all right in their way, but not this kind of a union."

LABOR MEN INDICTED. Thirteen Chicago Leaders to Answer for

Various Kinds of Violence. CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- Thirteen indictment against union labor leaders, members of unions and their sympathizers were re-turned by the Grand Jury yesterday. In each case the man was indicted for either inciting or taking part in the acts of violence which have accompanied recent strikes

which have a considered men are business in Chicago.

Four of the indicted men are business agents of the most influential unions in the city, and are charged with "conspiring to wreck the business of the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Company." The other men are members of different street car men are members of different street car unions and were indicted in connection with the recent Chicago city railway strike. In contrast with the indictments agains the encouragers of and participants in strike riots was the refusal of the Grand Jury to return an indictment against Charles F. Lang, who shot and killed Emil Reichow. The murdered man was a union picket and a member of the striking Franklin Union of press feeders. He was killed while attacking Lang, three weeks ago.

WALKING DELEGATE INDICTED. Who Called a Strike to Enforce Payment

of Alleged Debt to His Dad. Patrick J. Mulligan, walking delegate of the Bricklayers' Union, Local 35, was indicted yesterday by the Grand Jury upon the charge of trying to extort \$874 last Monday from Otto Schwartzler, a contractor, of 611 East 148th street, who was erecting a building in Wendover avenue on a plot of ground recently bought

by him.

Mulligan, according to Schwartzler's complaint, told him that several years before the firm of Mulligan & Hogan was erecting a building on the site bought by Schwartzler and that the then owners, Loumdberry & Rose, owed the firm, of which Mulligan's father was a member, \$874. Mulligan said that he considered this a lien on the property and he demanded its 1874. Mulingan said that he considered this a lien on the property and he demanded its payment by Schwartzler, who refused to pay. Mulligan then called a strike and took off the men who were working on Schwartzler's building. He gave \$1,500 bail yesterday.

SUIT AGAINST JOHN MITCHELL Justice Lyon Denies Motion for a Commis-

sion to Orally Examine T. D. Nichols. BINGHAMTON, Dec. 24.-To-day Justice leorge F. Lyon denied the application of A. P. Wales for a commission to orally examine Thomas D. Nichols of Scranton Pa., president of District No. 1, United Mine Workers' Association, in connection with Mr. Wales's suit against President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers' Association, for \$200,000 for services alleged to have been rendered in settling the late coal strike. Justice Lyon held that an oral examination would allow the attorneys too great latitude in propounding ques-

An application will be made for a commission, at which written questions, first approved by Justice Lyon, may be asked Mr. Nichols. The case in on the calendar for the term of the Supreme Court opening here on Jan. 4, but it is expected that it

CARPENTERS WANT TO QUIT. Big National Union May Leave the American Federation of Labor.

The District Council of the Brotherhood of Carpenters of Manhattan and The Bronz has passed a resolution asking the general executive board of the Brotherhood to quit the American Federation of Labor. This will be considered at a special meeting of the board. The reason given is that affiliation is not necessary. The Brother-hood has a membership of 141,000.

New Haven Firemen Want More Pay. NEW HAVEN, Dec. 24.-First Vice-Presi dent Percy R. Todd of the New Haven railroad met the executive committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen in a conference this afternoon concerning the recent labor agreement between the road and the men. The firemen are not satisfied with some of the provisions and are anxious for a change. They are also eeking an increase in wages.

PRISON FOR STRIKE VIOLENCE.

MEN WHO ASSAULTED COAL CART DRIVER GOT 9 MONTHS. Recorder Tells Them Their Victim Had

the Same Right to Work That They Had to Strike and That He Is Merciful in Not Sending Them to Sing Sing.

James O'Brien and Robert Nelligan, members of the Teamsters' Union, who while on strike assaulted at Washington and Dey streets on Sept. 7 a non-union negro named Robert Hamlin, driver of a coal wagon for Curtis & Blaisdell, were senenced yesterday by Recorder Goff to the penitentiary for nine months. The Recorder said: The jury have very properly rendered a

The jury have very properly rendered a verdict of guilty of assault ir the second degree. In imposing sentence upon these defendants I will assume that they have been men of good character. They have not been convicted of crime before.

In doing so I must, however, not lose sight of the fact that the crime of which they have been found guilty is a serious one in its effect upon the whole community. I think I but repeat what I said to the jury in my charge, that the law that gives these men the right to quit work or to refuse to work gives to other men the right to work; and the freedom to work, under our laws, is one of the most valued guarantees given to us.

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It follows, therefore, that the attempt to prevent men who are willing to work from exercising their legal right to work means the substitution of violence and mob law for order and a due administration of justice.

I am fairly well satisfied that the workingmun, if he reflects for a moment, will recognize that the greatest injury he can do his own cause is to resort to violence; because by that he allenates the sympathy of those who would naturally join with him in his efforts for an improvement of his condition. The moment he has recourse to violence he defies the laws and disregards the rights of other workingmen; and in so doing he becomes lawless, and is not entitled to either sympathy or consideration.

Workingmen have a right to do all they can to improve their condition, to obtain increase of wages and reduction of hours of labor. Every one will agree to that, and every one will appland their efforts in doing so. Every fair minded citizen will say that a workingman has a right to obtain the very best conditions that are possible to be obtained. But when he has recourse to violence or intimidation or coercion, then he necessarily loses the sympathy of all fair minded citizens and brings himself within the pale of the criminal law.

I shall be merciful to these defendants. The law fixes the maximum penalty for the crime of which they have been convicted at five years in State prison. I shall inflict such punishment as I hope will be a warning to all others in this city not to do similar acts, and to recognize that the law will protect all men: that the strong arm of the law affords a shield for every man who is willing to work in this community, and he must have the law's protection.

I sentence each of you to nine months in the penitentiary.

STRIKE IS A FAMILY MATTER. T. J. Dunn's Men Go Out Because His Brother Won't Pay.

A strike has been ordered by the bluestone cutters' unions on all the contracts of Thomas J. Dunn, a blue-stone contractor. Thomas J. Dunn has no trouble himself with the union, but the strike, it is alleged is ordered because his brother, Bart Dunn, general contractor at 444 East Sixty-eighth treet, refuses to pay to eight members of the union \$200 in lieu of wages for the few days during which they sat around doing nothing at Sunset Park, Forty-fifth street near Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, where he has city contract.

Bart Dunn reported the case to the Building Trades Employers' Association, and said he had no call to pay the money. He is not in the association, but his brother is represented there as a member of the Employing Blue Stone Cutters' Association President Charles L. Eidlitz of the Employ ers' association told the story of the strike as follows to a SUN reporter last evening:

"Bart Dunn has the contract for a 2,000oot wall at Sunset Park and employed members of the Bluestone Cutters' Union to top the wall with a bluestone coping. According to the rules of the union, stone for coping can be dressed in long blocks at the quarries, but blocks eight feet long or less must be dressed at the contract. There was to be a curve of eighty feet at the of ten blocks eight feet long. Dunn did not think of the rule and got them dressed at the quarry

In a short time, Mr. Eidlitzsaid, a walking delegate came around and said a union rule had been violated. After some talk it was agreed that the union could send two men down to redress the stone. Mr. Eid-litz said this should take them about two

instead of sending two men, he said, the union sent eight, who told the foreman that three and a half days were to be occupied on each of the eight blocks.

"I can't stand for that," said the foreman.
"Why, you'd chip all the blocks away in that time."

Why, you desire at the ward stated the instructions of the union. The foreman refused to put them to work and they built a little fire and sat around for several days. Some time later, Mr. Eidlitz says, the walking delegate appeared again and said that the contractor would have to pay \$200 for the time the eight men lost. He rethat the contractor would have to pay \$200 for the time the eight men lost. He refused to pay, whereupon the delegate, Mr. Eidlitz says, declared that all the contracts of Thomas J. Dunn, his brother, would be "struck."

Bart Dunn showed the contracts, Mr. Eidlitz says, to let the delegate and others.

Eidlitz says, to let the delegate and others who accompanied him see that his brother had nothing to do with the contract. The union insisted that he had and ordered a strike on all Thomas J. Dunn's contracts in Manhattan and Brooklyn until the \$200 shall be paid. shall be paid.

Bart Dunn told the same story and said

the strike is still on. About 150 men are out, principally on paving contracts.
"Whom do they want to pay the \$200?"

he was asked. he was asked.

"I don't suppose they care who pays it," he said, "but they did nothing for it. Even if they had been working, the wages would not have been anything like as much as \$200. I won't pay it and I'm pretty sure my brother won't pay it, no matter what their union rules may be."

ALLEGES LABOR PERSECUTION. Man Accused of Speaking Ill of McKinley

Has Eleven Men Held for Libel. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.-Eleven engineers Stationary Engineers' Union No. 18, who are charged with libel by Andrew Collins, formerly engineer at the city water works, were bound over to the Grand Jury this afternoon by Magistrate Winkler. Collins alleges that the men accused him falsely of making derogatory remarks concerning the late President McKinley, through which charges he lost his job at the water works.

Magistrate Winkler said that both the

cution and the defence had apparently strong evidence and that the case was so peculiar that he thought the Grand Jury should investigate it.

Mitchell Calls Conference on Colorado Strike FLORENCE, Col., Dec. 24.-John L. Gear national organizer for the United Mine Workers, has received a telegram from John Mitchell asking him to attend a conference at Indianapolis on Jan. 4 to consider the strike in Colorado. It is understood that the organizers will be in conference with the higher officials of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company and may ettle the strike.

Illinois Steel Co. Plan Closed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-The plant of the Illinois Steel Company was closed last night. No notice was posted, and the 6,000 men have no idea when they will again go to work. It is rumored that when operations are resumed the wages will be cut from 10 to 15 per cent.

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Got Away for Christmas - Both These Two Are Veterans at Escaping. Privates Harry Lindon and James McNally, military prisoners, who were confined in an iron barred cell at Castle Williams, Governors Island, escaped vesterday morning, and, it is thought, are hiding with friends in this city. Another prisoner, Private Frank Becker, also got out of the cell, but was recaptured by Private Allen, the sentinel on post, at the muzzle of a

by a Guard With Levelled Rifle-Two

The cell the three men occupied is on he second tier. They sawed the bars of the window and let themselves to the ground by a rope made of bedding. The post outside Castle Williams was

rifle.

abolished recently because of the severe weather. Allen was pacing the inside of the fort at 130 o'clock in the morning when he heard a scraping sound. He ran out, and found Becker, the last of the trio to leave the cell, scampering off. A levelled rifle and a command to halt stopped Becker. Two steel saws, that had been smuggled into the cell, were found on the ground under the window, and a 20 foot rope of bedelothes dangled from a bar. It is believed that the missing prisoners boarded a small boat used by the dredgers who are working off the island and made their

way to the mainland of Manhattan.

McNally, who was a "trusty," recently
made an effort to escape by putting on a
discarded suit of Col. Dougherty's, about whose house he was employed, and boldly boarding the ferryboat Hancock. He was recognized by a guard. Lindon hid recognized by a guard. Lindon hid on the island five days last July, waiting for an opportunity to get away. A woman employed in one of the officers' dwellings supplied him with food and drink in his hiding place

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